

S T R A N G E

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**Wonderful
VISIONS,**

Being something concerning a
Child that lay fourteen Days
and Nights in a Trance, and
Spoke not a Word for nine Weeks
together ; and when she came to
her Speech, she spake Wonderful
Things.

As also, of a Man in *Germany*, under the
like Circumstance, but Express more
fully, what he had seen of the Joys of
Heaven, and the Torments of Hell.

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But if one rise from the Dead, some will not believe.

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To the Reader.

I Having been so lately with that Child that's now living with her Mother in London, that lay Fourteen Days and Nights in a Trance, and her Testimony concerning the future state, being the same with this following Treatise: I had a very great desire to have it publisht, and that it might be taken into deep Consideration by all them that are now living: for although my Sight be but small, my Faith is great; and though my Ability but small, my Desire is great, and my Soul is concerned for the whole Creation, but especially for those that are nearly related, and dear to me; and being one that have passed through great Anguish and Tribulations in this World, cannot but take notice of the great Love of God manifested to the Creature by Crosses and Afflictions, and therefore am not sorry for those that are under Afflictions, but am sorry for those that want that Faith that evidenceith it self by Love, without which none can see God.

This Child was Nine Years old, and about an half, when she lay in that Trance: It is now two Months above a Year since; and having heard both her and her Mother with my

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own Ears, am fully satisfied as to the truth of what I had heard concerning her: I had heard that she should declare most wonderful things, both concerning Heaven, that what she saw there was unutterable, but she had declared according to her capacity what she her self did partake of; and of the unspeakable Horrour of Hell, and that a Neighbour of theirs that she knew, that dyed some time before, she should see her there. I asked her, What that Woman was in her Life? The Child answered me thus, No good comes there, and she has wicked Children. This Child useth very few Words; but makes an answer when she is spoke to; and has an intire love for sober People. I could say much concerning her; but I desire the Reader to take great notice of the following Treatise, in which this Child's Testimony is confirmed, and that was written by himself, being at man's estate, as I must conclude, which may give better satisfaction to some: but for my own part I am satisfied concerning that Testimony, though through a Babe, or contemptible Instrument.

The Child's Name is Elizabeth Keen, living now with her Mother in Hog-Lane in London.

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R. E.

A short Account of the wonderful Life and Visions of *Hans Engelbrecht*, Cloathworker and Citizen of *Brunswick*, taken out of a larger Treatise, writ and publisht by himself in the *German Tongue*.

‘ **I** Have been all my Life long, a man
 ‘ of Sorrow, and of a sad and afflicted
 ‘ ed Spirit, from my Youth upward,
 ‘ by reason of great Anguish and Distress
 ‘ of Soul, which made me continually to
 ‘ pray and cry to God, *That he would be*
 ‘ *pleased to Comfort me with his Holy Spirit.*

‘ I was three Years with a Cloathier, to
 ‘ learn his Craft ; but could never make use
 ‘ of it to my profit, by reason of the great
 ‘ anguish of Soul, and deep Sorrow, where-
 ‘ with I was continually overwhelmed.
 ‘ Now what kind of Anguish this was, I
 ‘ am no way able to describe or express to
 ‘ you, neither can any one know it, ex-
 ‘ cept he hath been tempted and tried in

like manner. This made me often attempt to make away with my self, yea, I have often risen suddenly from my labour, and run out of the House without being able to rest any where, by reason of the extream anguish and horror of mind that still followed me: Sometimes I could run down into the Cellar, and hide my self there, not knowing for extream anguish where to bestow my self. I daily frequented the Churches where any Preaching was, hoping there to meet with some Comfort, but all in vain, for my Anguish still continued: And as for converse with men, and merry-meetings, these I altogether refrained, and had aversion for them, which made me the object of the flouts and derision of all my Companions, and fellow Apprentices.

‘ In the Year 1634. the *Friday* before the second *Sunday* in *Advent*, I went to the Church of *St. Kathrines*, in *Brunswick*, to hear a Sermon, where I was surprised with unutterable Sorrow and Anguish of Mind, by occasion of seeing so few Auditors there; and reflecting how many for fear of losing any opportunity for outward profit, did neglect the Eternal Good of their Souls; this anguish still
‘ in-

‘increased upon me, till my return home,
‘where the extremity of it overcoming
‘my bodily strength and health, I was fain
‘to betake my self to my Bed, my Sto-
‘mach being altogether taken from me,
‘so that I could not get down the least bit
‘of Bread or drop of Drink: The next
‘day finding by the great increase of my
‘Weakness, that my departure was near
‘I received the Holy Communion at the
‘hand of Mr. *Jorden*, and to the amaze-
‘ment of all that were present; I receiv-
‘ed the Bread and Wine without the least
‘reluctancy of my Stomach; whereas some
‘time before I had like to have been choak-
‘ed, by endeavouring, at the pressing im-
‘portunity of my Master, to swallow on
‘little bit of boyled Fish.

‘Having taken this Heavenly Provision
‘I was all on a sudden so overset with un-
‘utterable horror and anguish of Soul
‘which made me cry and roar out most li-
‘deously, insomuch that our affrighted
‘Neighbours came running in to see what
‘was the matter; who finding me in such
‘an Agony, they all fell down upon their
‘Knees, recommending me to God, and
‘praying that he would deliver me out
‘my extream Distress and Horrour,
‘cause whereof was Satan abjecting

' Sins to me, tempting me to dispair, and
 ' strangely tormenting me by shuteing his
 ' fiery Darts into me, wherewith I was
 ' as sensibly pained as if so many Daggers
 ' or Knives had been stabbed in my Heart.

' Soon after this, Death began to sease
 ' me, manifesting it self in the extream
 ' coldness of my Feet, which increased up-
 ' ward, till all feeling was taken from
 ' me; neither could I so much as open
 ' my Mouth, my Flesh was grown so stiff
 ' and cold: Not long after I perfectly per-
 ' ceived my Eye-strings to break; yet my
 ' Hearing continued, for I could distinct-
 ' ly hear them Pray for me: I also heard
 ' them say one to another, *Feel his Legs and*
 ' *Feet how cold they be; he will not continue*
 ' *long now:* All which I heard with my
 ' Ears; but was not sensible when they
 ' touched me: I heard the Watch-man
 ' cry *past Eleven a Clock*, and about *Twelve*
 ' my Hearing was taken away likewise, and
 ' then it seemed to me as if I had been taken
 ' up with my Body, and carried much
 ' swifter than an Arrow out of a Bow, till
 ' I came before the Gates of Hell, where
 ' I could perceive nothing but thick Dark-
 ' ness, Smoke, and a most abominable Stink,
 ' and loathsome bitter Savour, which I cannot
 ' compare with any Stink in this World, it

' WAS.

‘ was so intollerable: Here I heard many
‘ gashly & terrible Voices, crying, *Mountains*
‘ *fall upon us, Hills cover us, that we be not*
‘ *placed before the face of God: Wo! O Wo*
‘ *to us! damned to all Eternity.* And after
‘ a while I found my self surrounded with
‘ many thousand Devils, who tempted
‘ me to dispair, but I defended my self
‘ with the Shield of Faith, trusting in the
‘ Mercy of God through Christ; in this
‘ Prayer of Faith my Spirit cryed earnest-
‘ ly to God, and presently thereupon this
‘ dark and loathsome Scene disappeared.

‘ Then the Holy Ghost appeared to me
‘ in the Figure of a man cloathed all in
‘ White, and having placed me in a Golden
‘ Charriot, he carried me into the clear
‘ heavenly Light, whence God is called
‘ the Father of Lights, from whom all
‘ good and perfect Gifts do proceed, and
‘ indeed this was such a Gift, when the
‘ Holy Ghost carried me in the Golden
‘ Charriot Christ, out of the hellish Dark-
‘ ness, into the splendor of the Divine
‘ Glory: for Christ alone is the Way, the
‘ Truth and the Life, neither can any one
‘ come to the Father of Glory but by him.

‘ And when I was thus placed in the
‘ Light of the divine Glory, I saw the
‘ Quires of the holy Angels, Prophets and
‘ Apostles

‘ Apostles, singing and making melody
‘ round God’s Throne, with Heavenly
‘ Voices and divine Musick; but not in
‘ Bodily Shapes: The holy Angels ap-
‘ peared in the likeness of innumerable
‘ Flames of Fire, and the Saints like bright
‘ shining Lights; the Throne of God ap-
‘ peared like a Glorious shining Bright-
‘ ness, which no human Reason can con-
‘ ceive, neither can I in the least describe
‘ what it was: Here I heard the Heaven-
‘ ly Harmony, and smelled such sweet
‘ Odours, to which all Earthly delights
‘ compared, are trifles and meer shadows,
‘ all which as was afterwards told me,
‘ was therefore manifested unto me, that
‘ I might comfort the Afflicted and Sor-
‘ rowful of Heart, who are under great
‘ crosses and anguish in this World; and
‘ was charged to assure them that one
‘ Ounce of Cross and Sorrow here, shall
‘ be rewarded with a thousand Pound of
‘ Heavenly Joy; and all this of meer
‘ Grace.

‘ During my abode here, the Holy Ghost
‘ by the ministry of an Angel, opened un-
‘ to me the understanding or meaning of
‘ the whole Bible, and that in a moment.
‘ And by the Angelical Revelation, it was
‘ shewed me, That I was to tell all those
‘ who

who desire to enter into this Kingdom of
Glory, that they must have a Living Faith
in Jesus Christ, and give proof of this
Faith by their Love; and repent from
their whole Hearts, and be converted:
Because the Lord will no longer indure
that Hypocrisie and shew of Holiness
which is so common in the World, be-
cause it is determined in the council of
the Holy Trinity, that no man shall see
Christ face to face, to all Eternity, but
he who hath beheld here in this time in
Faith, and in Spirit in his own Heart.

Many have a knowledge of Christ, ac-
cording to the Flesh, and the compre-
hension of their own carnal Reason; but
few know Christ by Faith, and in Spirit,
which their Evil Fruits are an undoubted
evidence and token of; and especially
this, that there is scarcely any true Love
left in the World; for all the Friend-
ship of the world is meer Dissembling
and Flattery, no man intending the good
of his Neighbour from the bottom of
his Heart, by all which they make it ap-
pear that they have no Faith: for as
little as Light can be without shining,
the Sun without Beams, a good Tree
without good Fruit; so little can Faith be
without Love and good Works.

So

So far *Hans* his own Words.

The following was writ of him concerning how it was with him after he came into the Body again.

The Lord was pleased to ratifie and confirm the Revelation He had given to him, after his return to Life again, by these following Miracles:

The *first* was, That immediately upon his return to Life, he found himself in more perfect Health and Vigor then ever he had enjoyed before, and that without the use of any Medicine, or any human help whatsoever. It was observed that as his Hearing was the last Sence he lost, so it was the first Sence he recovered upon his return to the Body; for he heard the Voice of those that were in the Room, before he had the use of his other Sences.

2. Another Wonder was, that the Light which had been communicated to his Soul, whilst he was in Heaven, continued with him after his return to Life, and gave him the knowledge of the Mysteries contained in the Scriptures, tho' he had never read them.

3. Another miraculous thing observed was, that he could and did Discourse whole Days and Night together, without either
exhausting

exhausting the treasure of his Mind, or the strength of his Body, in which thing he challenged those Ministers that slandered him to do the like.

4. Moreover his Life and Health was preserved for many Weeks together, without any outward bodily Meat or Drink. He also experienced after he began to eat, that the most exquisite Dainties of this world could not overcome the relish of those inconceivable Sweets which he had tasted in the other World, and which ever after continued uppermost with him.

5. Another Wonder was, That he never Slept for many Weeks together; and when his Step-mother after much ado had perswaded him to eat something, in hopes that it might procure Sleep to him; yet for all that his watchfulness continued with him nine Months together.

6. The last Wonder was, That for one and forty Nights after his return to the Body, he continued to hear the Musick of Angels, as he had heard it in the other World, and himself was wont to Sing with them whole Nights together: During this time of his hearing the Angelical melody, it happened that a certain Woman having continued with him one Night,

Night, till all the rest of the company was gone, and hearing him say ever and anon, *Don't you hear how sweetly the Angels sing* : She became thereby inflamed with a strong desire to partake of that Cælestial Harmony ; whereupon he bid her lay her Ear to his Ear ; which she had no sooner done, but she heard it likewise, and in a strange transport of Joy broke forth into the high Praises of God.

Some time after his return to Life, he had the following Visions of the New Heaven and Earth, which he expresseth as followeth.

Hans Englbrecht's Vision of the New Heaven and Earth.

‘ **B**eing in an Extacy, I saw my self
 ‘ placed on a transparent Earth, the
 ‘ Heavens that surrounded, were as bright
 ‘ as the Sun, and in the same I beheld a
 ‘ Sun infinitely brighter and more glorious
 ‘ than that in the outward Firmament :
 ‘ I saw also the Moon and Stars, but un-
 ‘ utterably surpassing those we see here, in
 ‘ splendor and beauty. The Heaven, Sun,
 ‘ Moon and Stars, reflected their Glory
 ‘ upon

' upon the Chrif탈ine Earth, and were
 ' feen in it far more clearly then any
 ' oppofit Objects are difcerned in the beft
 ' Looking-glaffes. I beheld alfo the Earth
 ' adorned with moft beautiful Flowers of
 ' all forts, which were fplendorous and
 ' fhining, and their Colour far more live-
 ' ly then thefe here below.

' I faw no Man upon this Earth fave
 ' only the Lord Jefus in his glorified Body,
 ' refembling a transcendently beautiful
 ' Young Man, his Body was transparent,
 ' fo that I could fee his Heart in the midft
 ' of it ; his f acred Wounds fhined like fo
 ' many glorious Stars ; and his whole
 ' Body fhew'd a luftre far beyond that of the
 ' New Heavens ; in his Face I difcerned
 ' my own Face more clearly then ever I
 ' had feen it in a Looking-glafs. But
 ' what fhall I fay more of the Glory and
 ' Beauty of his all Glorious Face, the re-
 ' membrance whereof doth to this day
 ' fill my Heart with fuch exalting Joy, as
 ' I cannot compare with any of the plea-
 ' fures or delights of this world. As I
 ' was beholding the unutterable Beauty of
 ' Chrift, I faid unto him, Deareft Lord
 ' Jefus, fhew unto me thy Father : Which
 ' I had no fooner faid, but I faw a won-
 ' derful Flame, ftreaming forth from his
 ' Heart,

Heart, which immediately filled the New
 ‘Heavens and Earth, and gave them a
 ‘thousand fold greater Glory then they
 ‘had before. I said unto him also, Lord
 ‘shew me the Holy Ghost: and as soon
 ‘as I had so said, I saw many thousands
 ‘of Beams darted from all parts of his
 ‘Body in like manner, as Rays proceed
 ‘from the Sun: Thus I saw the Holy
 ‘Ghost proceeding from the Father and
 ‘the Son; and I saw the Father in Christ,
 ‘and Christ in the Father, for the whole
 ‘Body of Christ was filled with the fiery
 ‘flaming Glory of the Father; and I saw
 ‘the Holy Ghost in the likeness of infinit
 ‘Rays, proceeding from the Father
 ‘through Christ, even through all the
 ‘parts and members of his Body.

‘Then I desired to behold the Souls of
 ‘Saints; whereupon he led further into
 ‘the Father, and shewed me the Souls of
 ‘Believers in God’s Hand, where no pain
 ‘could touch them; they appeared to me
 ‘in the likeness of many great Sparks of
 ‘Light, very swiftly moving one through
 ‘another. Then I desired to see my Mo-
 ‘ther in her bodily Figure; for she dyed
 ‘when I was yet a Child; which at the
 ‘first was denyed me; but afterwards
 ‘upon continuing instant in my request,

' I was commanded to return to the
 ' World, and to call all the Dead in Christ,
 ' and to bid them arise, for Christ com-
 ' manded it. Upon this I saw many Graves
 ' open, out of which Bodies arose, and
 ' they came with me into the New world,
 ' and stood about the Lord Jesus, I could
 ' discern them all in his Body, as it were
 ' by reflection; and he again did shine,
 ' and was seen in every one of their Bodies
 ' in like manner as when a Cristial Globe
 ' being hung up in the midst of a Room,
 ' with many lesser Globes round about it,
 ' all the lesser are seen in the great Globe,
 ' and the great Globe appears in every one
 ' of the lesser. I needed not to ask any Que-
 ' stions what this or that was, for whatso-
 ' ever I saw, I knew also.

' I saw moreover a great number of
 ' Birds with Golden Feathers, flying under
 ' the Heavens, and praising God. I saw
 ' also the Beasts of the Field, which were
 ' most beautiful, the Hair of their Skin
 ' shining like Gold; with these the Saints
 ' delighted themselves, blessing and prais-
 ' ing God, who had created such a vast
 ' number of beautiful Creatures for his
 ' Praise and Glory.

' Whilst I was surprised with these
 ' Wonderful Sights, and transported with

' Songs and Melody of the Saints and An-
 ' gels, the Lord said unto me, Now re-
 ' turn again unto the Earth, and declare unto
 ' the Children of Men what thou hast seen
 ' and heard, and tell them, That if they would
 ' come hither to enjoy whatsoever their Hearts
 ' can desire, and have their Bodies made like my
 ' Glorious Body, they must heartily Repent,
 ' and not resist the Holy Ghost by any known
 ' Sin, and thereby hinder him from working
 ' Faith in them, which evidenceth it self by
 ' Love, without which none can be saved, or
 ' have their Souls purified, and clarified; for
 ' none shall have their Bodies glorified in E-
 ' ternity, whose Souls have not been purified
 ' here in time. And when I was instant
 ' with the Lord, that I might remain in
 ' Paradise; alcadging that if I should re-
 ' turn to the Earth, men would not be-
 ' lieve my Report. The Lord comfort-
 ' ed me, and said, Do thou bear it patiently,
 ' when thou hearest men Blasphemam my Works;
 ' for the more thou shalt suffer for my sake in
 ' the World, the more hereafter shalt thou re-
 ' joyce with me in Soul and Body: Return thou
 ' therefore again into the World, and tell them
 ' the things that I command thee: Run apace,
 ' gird up thy self, let not the long Garments
 ' of this World intangle thy Feet; let no man
 ' stop or stay thee: haste thee away I say,
 ' and

' and I will follow thee at thy Heels, and
 ' will come quickly to make an end of this
 ' Wicked World, and take my Saints to me in
 ' my Kingdom, where they shall enjoy Eternal
 ' Happiness; and will send the Wicked to the
 ' Bottomless Pit of Hell.

' Then I desired that before my depar-
 ' ture out of Paradise, I might fly up in-
 ' to the Air; which was granted me,
 ' where I saw *David* and *Solomon* delighting
 ' themselves with Birds, that perched on
 ' their Fingers, and sung most Melodi-
 ' ously: And from thence, at my desire,
 ' I mounted up to the Stars, and from
 ' thence was carried up into the infinite
 ' space of Eternity, where I beheld the
 ' unutterable and inconceivable Glory
 ' of God, which I can no way in the least
 ' declare what it was.

' Then the Lord Jesus put a Golden
 ' Tankard into my Left hand, and a Gold-
 ' en Cup into my Right hand, and said,
 ' Go now, and return to the World, and fill
 ' out to every one a Taster of this Heavenly
 ' Wine of my Kingdom, and to every one
 ' that doth relish it, and desire to partake of
 ' this my Banquet, and to have their fill
 ' thereof to all Eternity: Do thou declare
 ' that I will come quickly, and take them
 ' along with me to my Heavenly Banquet:

' And those that indure great Crosses and
 ' Troubles, do thou charge, from me, that they
 ' bare it patiently till that blessed Hour shall
 ' come, when I shall take them to my self,
 ' to live with me in fulness of Joy to all E-
 ' ternity; wherefore let them rather in Sub-
 ' mission to my Will, chuse to suffer Anguish
 ' and Affliction, then in their own Wills to
 ' be freed therefrom; for in my Will all true
 ' Happiness is to be found, here in this time
 ' with Crosses and Tribulation, but hereafter
 ' in Endless Joys for ever.

' And whereas I had seen a Young man,
 ' through the Body of Christ; and he also
 ' saw me through the same Body, so that
 ' we beheld one another through the
 ' Body of Christ; the Angel told me,
 ' That hence I should take occasion to tell
 ' Christians, That they must look one up-
 ' on another, in and through Christ, with
 ' the Eyes of Love and Charity; as also
 ' that Christ must dwell in us, and we in
 ' him, And whereas it was a Young man
 ' whom I saw, the Angel bid me to signi-
 ' fie to Men, from thence, That in this
 ' Eternal Life we shall continually grow
 ' more Young and Beautiful: whereas
 ' here we still grow Older and more De-
 ' formed.

' Also,

' Also, whereas I found that I could do
 ' whatsoever I desired, or wished for, the
 ' Angel bid me tell Men, That when they
 ' come hither, nothing shall be impossible
 ' for them; and whatsoever they desire,
 ' shall, as soon as desired, be effected.

' Moreover I knew for certain, that
 ' there we shall find a Glorious New Hea-
 ' ven and Earth, and that Paradise shall
 ' be in the midst of the Eternal Space,
 ' and the New Heavens shall surround the
 ' New Earth, upon which shall live all
 ' manner of Beasts, and the Air shall be
 ' full of Birds; though these shall never
 ' come into Eternity, no more then the
 ' Sun, Moon and Stars; because in Eter-
 ' nity nothing of this outward Creation
 ' is to be found; but the Beasts shall abide
 ' upon the New Earth, and the Birds in
 ' the Air, and upon the Trees, where they
 ' shall sing most Melodiously to the Praise
 ' of God; for upon the New Earth shall
 ' be all sorts of most pleasant and beautiful
 ' Trees, Plants and Flowers.

' And when we are here, we may as oft
 ' as we please, ascend up into Eternity,
 ' and descend again to the New Earth, and
 ' sport with Beasts and Birds, yea, with
 ' the Sun, Moon and Stars: Here we
 ' shall, as oft as we please, begin a Divine
 ' Musical

'Musical Confort, and shall rejoyce in God
 'after an infinite variety of ways, now al-
 'together unknown to us: we shall be able
 'to pass through and through the New
 'Earth, with the same ease as Fishes glide
 'through the Water, or Birds through the
 'Air. The Earth it self will be a thousand
 'times more transparent then the most
 'clear Looking-glass, and consequently
 'shall continually receive, by reflection, the
 'luster of the New Heavens, with its Sun,
 'Moon, and Stars, which will make the
 'New Earth surpassing bright and Glori-
 'ous: We shall likewise be able to see quite
 'through the Earth, though the thickness
 'of it be of some thousand of Miles: But
 'Eternity will be our Mansioun-house, as be-
 'ing the Palace of the great King; and
 'Paradise shall be as a Garden of Pleasure
 'belonging to the same Palace, where the
 'Saints, those heavenly Kings shall go to
 'recreat themselves, whose Bodies shall
 'shine brighter then the Sun in the Firma-
 'mament, for the Glory of God shall pierce
 'them through and through. Now how
 'great, think we, will that Glory be, when
 'many hundred thousands of such Bodies
 'are met together: But besides, there we
 'shall see also Christ our Saviour, whose
 'Body shall be more bright and Glorious
 'than

' than many hundred thousands of the Bo-
 ' dies of the Saints together; and indeed
 ' it will be an inconceivable Joy to us to
 ' behold his more then Aimable and Friend-
 ' ly Aspect, for we shall see the Father in
 ' him, and him in the Father, and the Holy
 ' Spirit going forth from them both. Here
 ' we shall see truly what God is, which in
 ' this World cannot be exprest fully, or
 ' understood: As for my part, I can never
 ' call to remembrance the Revelation of
 ' the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, as was
 ' shewed to me in Paradise; but my Heart
 ' is filled with such ravishing Joys, as I can
 ' compare to nothing in this World; yea,
 ' if it were told me, that I was King over
 ' the whole World, it could not give me
 ' a Joy comparable to what I feel in my
 ' self, upon calling to mind what I there
 ' saw.

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